

***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

***Sung Response 4** Creator of the Stars of Night, vs. 4

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn** While We Are Waiting, Come (on insert)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** refrain of O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

***Postlude**

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Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

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“What anxiety and hope actually have in common is a sense of what is possible.

In anxiety we anticipate possible danger. In hope we anticipate possible deliverance.”

- Jurgen Moltmann



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Northglenn, Colorado

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 3, 2017 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, we are glad you are worshiping with us today and appreciate your filling out the visitor's card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are in the pew racks if you wish to use them; bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

***Lighting of the Advent Candle and Morning Prayer**

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather in eager anticipation,
hoping to catch a glimpse of the Holy.

All: Are you here, God?

One: When we lose our way,
we struggle to feel your presence.

All: Do not let the sacred be hidden from us.

One: We thirst for the arrival of Justice.
We hunger for Love to show up.

All: Around us, within us, beyond us – your Spirit is present!

One: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 14** Savior of the Nations, Come

***Call to Prayer**

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, like clay in the hands of a potter, you have shaped us. Though we may stray from your ways, choosing to turn our eyes from injustice or refusing to love our neighbor, nothing can undo this truth: we were birthed by Love. When we find ourselves so lost that we struggle to find you anywhere, remind us to look for you in one another, in collective solidarity, and in words that are tender and true. In Christ, we pray, Amen.

***Sung Response 2157** Come and Fill Our Hearts

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
 Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Chords: D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!
 Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

***Passing of the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share with one another signs of peace.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: **And also with you**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37 (p. 826)

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
 For the Word of God among us,
 For the Word of God within us,
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Waiting" (Pepper Choplin) **Choir**

Time with the Children Bill Davis

Sung Response I Love to Tell the Story (refrain)

Refrain

Chords: Ab, Eb, Ab, Db, Ab, Db, Ab, Eb7, Ab

I love to tell the sto-ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry, to
 tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus and his love.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 606)

Sermon

Rev. Bill Davis

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 5** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

***Affirmation of Faith** adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18

**God expressed love for all humankind
 through Israel, whom God chose
 to be a covenant people
 to serve him in love and faithfulness.
 When Israel was unfaithful,
 God disciplined the nation with judgment
 through prophets, priests, teachers,
 and true believers.
 These witnesses called all Israelites
 to a destiny
 in which they would serve God faithfully
 and become a light to the nations.
 The same witnesses proclaimed
 the coming of a new age,
 and a true servant of God
 in whom God's purpose would be realized.**

CALENDAR

TODAY	1st Sunday of Advent - Pledge Dedication Sunday NO Youth Group	
MONDAY	Girl Scouts (SH)	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Outreach/Mission Workgroup	10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Shepherds' Hall (Archuleta)	8:00 a.m. - noon
NEXT SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Adult Sunday School Class Shepherds' Hall Rental Youth Group White Elephant Gift Exchange	8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO Pub Theology this month – see you on January 8th
 Christmas Music Program during worship – Sun., Dec. 17 – 10:00 a.m.
 Join our Youth caroling at Sunny Acres – Sun., Dec. 17 – Following worship
 Bring in cookies for Winter Teacher Appreciation at Vantage Point Campus – Sun., Dec. 17
 Christmas Eve morning worship - Lessons and Carols - Dec. 24 - 10:00 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – Dec. 24 – 6:00 p.m.
 Office and Food Bank Closed – Dec. 25 - 29

Visit us on on-line at thegoodshepherd.org for more information on upcoming events.

Pastor Bill can be reached on the church office phone at 303-452-5478 or on his cell phone at 720-378-2025. His e-mail is bill@thegoodshepherd.org.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

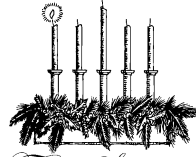
This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

TEXT: Claire Cloninger, 1986
 MUSIC: Don Cason, 1986
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WAITING (Cason)
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THE WEEKLY NEWS

December 3, 2017



First Sunday
OF ADVENT

WELCOME friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

A nursery is provided for children ages birth to 5 years.

We have two arrangements of flowers this morning. The first is in celebration of **Gretchen Caudill's 10th birthday**. The second is in celebration of **Dick and Robin Kelly's 25th wedding anniversary**.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK is available on your email and on the website. For those without internet access, copies are available in the Narthex.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR WINTER TEACHER APPRECIATION! The Outreach/Mission Workgroup will be again honoring the teachers across the street at the Vantage Point Campus with cookies the week before Christmas Break. Help us show them how much we appreciate their dedication and hard work. Please bring in cookies to worship on Sunday, December 17th (NOTE change of date) or to the office on Thursday, December 21 as we will be taking the cookies to the teachers the morning of December 22nd.

OUR FOOD BANK CLIENTS have really appreciated the children's books we made available to them from the surplus books in our Nursery. Now we want to be able to give clients small packages of crayons paired up with a small coloring booklet, something about 4" x 6" which they might have for their young children now or for Christmas. We have 40 bundles of crayons, made from our surplus of loose crayons. **We need 40 small booklets, like the kind you find for a dollar in the checkout aisle at JoAnn's Fabrics. We will put into ziplocks to hand out to clients with small children. All donations welcome!**

PLEASE JOIN GSPC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to collect children's gloves, mittens, hats, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini bars of soap, mini shampoo and lotion bottles, chap stick, small packages of Kleenex, gallon size ziploc bags for our **Blessing Tree located in the Narthex**. We will be collecting these items from November thru January to assemble Blessing Bags (gallon size ziploc bags) for adults & children who need our help from our GSPC Food Bank. Please help us fill up our **Blessing Tree** to help those keep warm and feel better during the winter months. Please place your donated items on the tree or in the bins below!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER 17 – CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM!

Invite your friends and neighbors to come Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. as our choir and other special guest musicians present a beautiful Christmas music program during worship!



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING During Advent we reflect on God's promise of salvation, fulfilled with the birth of His Son, Jesus. We Presbyterians respond to the needs of many retired church workers and to racial ethnic students through our promise to help them through challenging times in their lives. The annual Christmas Joy offering will be received on December 17 (you may contribute any time during the month of December). If you have a box of 2017 pledge envelopes you'll find a special envelope for this offering. If not, envelopes are available in the pews or you can simply note "Joy Offering" on the memo part of your check. You may text JOY to 20222 to give \$10 or give online at presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy. Thank you for your prayerful gifts!!

ADVENT IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DENVER "My words will not pass away," said Jesus. Christ's words to heal, bring hope, and proclaim good news continue to call out to us. Throughout Advent we will show in our messages how our mission partnerships, task forces and covenant community also continue to respond to Christ's call. And with your giving you share in their work and participate in the good news of Christ in this season and always.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR DECEMBER: Canned chili, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During October the Food Bank gave out 179 orders to 137 households, serving 464 clients, including 184 children.

NOTE OF THANKS *Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayers to me when I broke my hip. After going between 3 hospitals and rehab, I am finally home continuing my recuperation. I look forward to getting to church one of these days. --Andy Kennedy*

Flock Notes

Birthdays: December 5 to December 6

Dec. 5	Dan Duncan	Dec. 6	Gretchen Caudill
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Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Marsha Morton**, home recovering from breast cancer surgery---**Rhonda O'Brien**, cousin of the Steward and Tillery families, recently diagnosed with a brain tumor after suffering a stroke---**Andy Kennedy**, home now after a long recovery from a broken leg!---All those fighting cancer: **Becky Carlisle, Sue Coleman, Colleen Eastman, Conerd F., Linda Kopp, Tom McConnell, Marsha Morton, Norman McCormick, Christopher Utterback**---Continue to pray for our **military men & women and our first responders**---Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for the **Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care (HCOC)** in Zimbabwe in their quest to build a new clinic---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship; Committees of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and New Genesis Mission Partnership**...Let us know what's happening...drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be amused.